

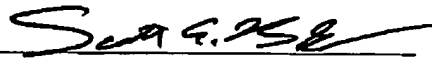
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REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the salient limitations of claim 4 excluding the language "for providing added strength to said beam" which is believed not to be material to the patentability of the claim. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been amended to include the salient limitations of claim 24. Claim 24 has been cancelled. Applicants' respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 9-11, 14, 17-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

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